among students in the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kherli Village of Dausa District.

(b) Does not arise.

Misuse of funds by Central Universities

†1867. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government funds are being misused by the Central Universities in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to stop misuse of Government funds therein; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Funds to all the Central Universities (except Indira Gandhi National Open University which is funded directly by the Central Government) are allocated and disbursed by the University Grants Commission out of the en-block grants released by the Central Government. The annual accounts and balance sheet of each Central University are audited, once atleast every year and at intervals of not more than fifteen months, by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or by such persons as he may authorise in this behalf. Similarly, the accounts of the UGC are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General at such times and in such manner as he may think fit. Consequently, if not when any financial irregularity comes to the notice of the UGC/Government, the corrective action is taken immediately.

Central Schools/Open Schools/NVs in Bihar

†1868. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Schools/Navodaya Vidyalayas/Open Schools in Bihar;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government propose to establish more Open Universities/ Central Schools/Navodaya Vidyalayas in that State;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the criteria to open such schools and universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) At present there are 26 (Twenty-six) Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar. There are 36 sanctioned Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Bihar out of which 34 are functional. National Open School has accredited 40 Institutes including 9 vocational institutes in Bihar.

(b) to (d) A regional centre of IGNOU has already been established in Bihar and State Government has also opened a State Open University (Nalanda Open University). Centre has no proposal to establish any more open university in Bihar. Proposals for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Civil/Defence Sector are considered only if sponsored by the Ministries or Departments of Government of India/State Government/UT Administration/Organisation of employees belonging to eligible categories, subject to fulfilment of terms and conditions which *inter-alia* include availability of 15 Acres of land free of cost, concentration of atleast 1000 employees of Central Government/Defence Services, availability of atleast 200 children for admission to various classes, alterative temporary accommodation for running the Vidyalaya free of rent until KVS permanent building comes up and provision of residential accommodation to atleast 50% of staff of proposed Kendriya Vidyalaya at the station concerned. Due to budgetary constraints, at present there is no proposal to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in Civil/Defence Sector.

Opening of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas one per district is considered if preferably 30 acres of suitable land free of cost is made available; and sufficient building and other infrastructure free of rent or on permanent basis capable to accommodate 240 students and staff for three to four years for running the Vidyalaya till the Samiti constructs its own building at the permanent site is provided and approval of the site from the technical angle after verifying the suitability of land and building proposed for the Vidyalaya are made available. During Tenth Plan Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has plans to open 02 JNVs in the uncovered districts of Bihar.